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SUBJECT: PM RIFAI'S INTERVIEW WITH LEBANESE PAPER "MONDAY MORNING"

1. JORDANIAN PRESS DEC 10 GIVES FRONT PAGE TO INTERVIEW BY
PM RIFAI WITH LEBANESE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY "MONDAY MORNING".
PM QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HE CANNOT IMAGINE INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN
STATE ON WEST BANK OF JORDAN RIVER NOT TIED IN SOME WAY TO EAST
BANK, EITHER THROUGH UNITY, FEDERATION, OR CONFEDERATION. IN
MEANTIME, SAID PM, GOJ WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER MATERIAL ASSISTANCE
TO WEST BANK AT SAME LEVEL AS PAST.

2. PM FURTHER STATED THAT UNTIL NOW, JORDAN HAS NOT RECEIVED
"A FIL" FROM \$300 MILLION GRANTED AT RABAT. IN AMBIGUOUS PHRASE
FROM ARABIC VERSION, PM ADDED, "IF WE CONSIDER THE COUNTRIES WHICH
ADOPTED THIS RESOLUTION AND THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION IN THIS GRANT,
WE SHALL REACH A MUCH LOWER FIGURE."

3. RIFAI STATED THAT JORDAN HAS RESERVATIONS WITH RESPECT TO
LOGIC OF RABAT RESOLUTIONS, PARTICULARLY DUE TO TIME IN WHICH
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ADOPTED, YET JORDAN BOWED TO MAJORITY. "WE HOPE THE FUTURE WILL

PROVE THAT OUR DOUBTS WERE WITHOUT FOUNDATION." RIFAI FURTHER STATED THAT NATIONAL AND CITIZENSHIP LAWS IN JORDAN WILL NOT BE AMENDED, "SINCE IT WOULD BE MOST DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHO IS A PALESTINIAN AND WHO IS A JORDANIAN."

4. PM NOTED THAT IF GENEVA CONFERENCE CONVENED IN PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS, IT WILL FAIL DUE TO ISRAELI REFUSAL TO WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

5. PM CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT CONTACTS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE FOR CONVOCAION OF QUADRIPARTITE SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN JORDAN, EGYPT, SYRIA, AND PLO.
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